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# **Advisory Announcement**

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# South Alaska Peninsula Area State-Waters Pacific Cod Season for Pot Gear Delayed Weather Delay #1

The National Weather Service marine forecast for Area PKZ155 (Castle Cape to Cape Sarichef) issued at 4:00 a.m. March 7, 2021 contained a gale warning. Therefore, the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season for vessels using pot gear will be delayed for 24 hours.

If the National Weather Service marine forecast for Area PKZ155 issued at 4:00 a.m. on March 8, 2021 contains a gale warning, the season opening will be delayed an additional 24 hours. Weather delays may continue on a rolling 24-hour basis for seven days, after which the season will open regardless of the weather forecast.

Any further action to delay or open the fishery will be announced in a subsequent ADF&G advisory announcement by 9:00 a.m. March 8, 2021.

For additional information, contact ADF&G in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

#### COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <a href="https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/">https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/</a>